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1. The Shanghai Customs Service* occupies an office at 13 the Bund. Its chief officials are CHIA Chen-chih (費振之)**, commissioner, who handles external affairs, and CHANG Yung-nien (張勇年)***, a deputy commissioner who handles internal affairs. CHANG lives at 60 Lane 421, Ch'ang Te (常德) Road, Shanghai, telephone 33525.

2. The sections of the Customs administration and their personnel are the following:

- a. Cargo Transport and Control Section, headed by FANG Chia-chu (方嘉駒), No. 6 Dormitory, Chia (華) Building, 9 Fen Yang (汾陽) Road, Shanghai. Assistants, living at the Customs House, are CHOU Jan (周健) and IAN Chao-lien (韓澤連). The section includes the following subdivisions:

General Affairs Section (5 units):

Documentary Unit
Paper Approval unit
Control and Registration of Customs Brokers
Service Unit
Import and Export Paper Unit

Import Section (6 units)

Ocean Shipping Manifest Unit
Unit for Control of Duty-Paid Cargoes
Unit for Approved Imports
Customs Duty Recording Unit
Unit for Checking Important Certificates
Unit for Issuing Duty-Paid Certificates

Export Section (4 units)

Export Control Unit
Export Inspection Unit
Shipping Control Unit

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Unit for Imports of Transshipped Cargo.

Inspection and Supervision Section (4 units):

Approved Bill Unit

Nan Shih (南市) Branch Office

Lan Road (蘭路) Branch Office

Mobile Inspection Unit, with eight small units each containing 15 to 16 men, of whom one is a Communist Party member and takes charge of leadership and Communist matters. These units supervise loading and unloading of ships.

Wharf Warehouse Control Section (9 units), controlling all warehouses and arriving and departing cargoes.

Oil Tank Unit

Butterfield and Swire Wharf Unit, telephone 87188

Glen Line Wharf Unit, telephone 02-74014

China Merchant Wharf Unit, telephone 53136

Second China Merchant Wharf Unit

Jih Hui Kang (日輝港) Wharf Unit

Hua Shun (華順) Wharf Unit

Whangpoo Wharf Unit.

Kung Ho Hsiang (公和祥) Wharf Unit

- b. Inspection, Estimate, and Duty Section, headed by WU Tsan-hsien (吳燦先), 191 Che Hsin Li (浙興里) off Li Yang (瀋陽) Road. His assistants are:

YU Ch'ing-lun (于清綸), 8 Kung P'ing Lu (公平路).

SUN Hsüeh-tseng (孫學增), [redacted] Lane 1025, off Nanking Road West, telephone 60514

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CH'IEH Tsung-ch'i (錢承起), Customs House

The section includes the following subdivisions:

General Affairs Section, with secretarial unit, telephone extension 26; import-export paper inspection unit, and inspector's counter.

First Import Section, for control and estimates of local goods.

Second Import Section, for control, inspection, and estimates of foreign goods.

Third Import Section, for control, inspection, and estimates of transshipped goods.

Export Section, telephone extension 76, in charge of control and inspection of all exports.

Travelers' Baggage Section, in charge of ordinary passenger hand baggage, goods, duties, etc.

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Laboratory, extension 4, in charge of checking all kinds of goods.

Inspection Room, in charge of final decisions on duties and estimates of goods.

Goods Inspection Section, telephone extension 68, for inspection of goods only.

- c. Smuggling Control Section, headed by CH'EN Feng-wu (陳鳳午), assistant YU Ch'ang-ling (于長齡), both resident at the Customs House. The section, whose primary function is to check all smuggling, includes the following subdivisions:

General Affairs Unit, telephone extension 16.
Disposition Unit, telephone extension 32.
Storage Unit, telephone extension 61.
Intelligence Unit, telephone extension 13.
Inspection and Investigation Unit, telephone extension 14, 42.
Smuggling Control Guards Unit, telephone extension 53.

- d. General Affairs Section, headed by SUN Pao-hua (孫寶華), living at the Customs House, with KUO Yu-yung (郭育容) as his assistant, living at No. 1 Dormitory, 8th floor, Customs House, telephone 11989. The section has the following subdivisions:****

Customs House Property Unit
Supply Unit
Building Construction Unit
Business Unit
Train and Ship Transport Adjustment Unit

- e. Harbor Affairs Section, headed by LI Chung-yen (李忠彦), Customs House. The section has the following subdivisions:

General Affairs Unit
Harbor Affairs Unit
Buoy Unit
Harbor Fire Brigade Unit
Harbor Police Office
Administrative Unit
Inspection Unit
Lu Chia Tsur (陸家燭) Branch Office
Yangtzepoo Branch Office
Pai Lien Chang (白蓮堂) Branch Office
Woosung Branch Office

- f. Secretarial Section, headed by LI Kuang-tso (李光祚), 30, Lane 250, off Ch'ang Ping (昌平) Road, telephone 61020. This section has the following subdivisions:

Document Unit
Registry
File Unit

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- g. Accounting Section, headed by LO Han-ch'a (羅漢槎), 3, Lane 100, off Hsiang Yang (東陽) South Road. This section has the following subdivisions:

Accounting Unit, with divisions for receiving, paying, and accounting.
Cashier Unit.
Compilation Unit, with divisions for budget and appropriations.

- h. Personnel Section, headed by YEH Cheng-chi (葉正吉), 58 T'ai Yuan (大元路) Road, telephone 75243, and two assistants, TENG Ch'i-yuan (鄧起原) and WANG Hung-chang (王鴻章), **both living at the Customs House. This section has the following subdivisions:

Staff Unit
Education Unit
Statistical Unit
Medical Unit

- i. Material Room, headed by FAN Hao (范豪), living at the Customs House, and assistant CHIAANG Ch'ien-sheng (江辰生), 54 Land 545, off Chiang Te Road, telephone 31827. This section has the following subdivisions:

Investigation and Research Unit
Statistical Unit
Library

- j. Branch Customs Offices are located in the following places:

Wenchow, headed by WANG Chien-hua (王建華).

Woosung, headed by TUNG Hsiao (董曉), with a secretarial unit, an inspection and duty collection unit, and a smuggling inspection unit.

Ningpo, headed by LIU Yung-san (劉勇三).

Post Office, headed by YAO Chen-hsiao (姚振霄), 1, Building 1, 9 Fan Yang Road, with units for general affairs, duty, inspection and estimates.

3. It was announced to the Customs employees in January that beginning in February 1951 they would have their salaries reduced. Persons receiving 300 units**** a month (amounting to JRP 1,400,000 or about 7 picul of rice) are to be reduced to 180 units (about JRP 800,000). The highest salary in the Customs House is 350 units, the lowest 120 units a month. According to the reductions announced, the highest paid group will have a 40 percent reduction, the middle pay class 30 percent, and the lowest paid group 10 percent. The authorities gave as their reason for making the reduction that the economic situation is so bad it will require three years to improve it, and consequently all government employees must suffer in the present to experience future benefit.
4. All the Customs employees were dissatisfied with the salary reduction. Their pay is already very low, and many have had to sell personal belongings or household equipment in order to live. They are unable to make any protest, however, because any employee expressing disapproval of official policy is considered a reactionary and dismissed from his work. Persons so dismissed find it very difficult to obtain another job in Shanghai. Although there has been considerable grumbling among Customs staff members, there has been no open expression of dissatisfaction.

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5. Before pay reductions are made, the Customs officials hold a round-table conference of all employees to discuss the reasons for the measure and the mode of acceptance. Communist staff personnel, ostensibly liaison men, but actually propagandists and internal inspectors, emphasize that the government difficulty is a personal difficulty, and that personal and official support is required for the war of liberation which is still in progress. Salaries have been reduced several times since the Communist occupation of Shanghai, partly because pay scales there were higher than salaries in the Inspectorate General of Customs in Peiping. The cut in pay is not accompanied by any change in working hours or production schedules, which are strenuous.

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[REDACTED] Comment. CHIA Chen-chih was reported in this position with
WANG Hung-chang as one of his assistants [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. According to information available to this office,
CHANG Yung-nien was Commissioner of Customs in Shanghai [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was about 24,000 to one U.S. dollar.

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